

## In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) Gutter mounting apparatus comprising:
  - a) a gutter mounted on an exterior surface of a building having a support for attaching said gutter to said exterior surface of said building;
  - b) a permanent member mounted on said gutter adapted to support a dismountable member for supporting seasonal decorations, said permanent member including a solid rod suspended on the outside of and spaced from said gutter;
  - c) said dismountable member adapted to slide or snap onto said rod; and
  - d) hooks spaced on an external surface of said dismountable member for suspending said seasonal decorations, wherein said permanent member comprises:
    - i) a U-shape connector comprising a distal edge spaced from an outer wall of said gutter, a first downwardly extending wall extending downwardly from said distal edge attached to and supporting said rod, a top wall extending from said distal edge over a top edge of said outer wall of said gutter, and a second downwardly extending wall adjacent to an inner surface of said outer wall of said gutter;
    - ii) a flange extending from said second downwardly extending wall within said gutter, said flange having at least one recess;
    - iii) said rod extending along a length of said U-shaped connector; and
    - iv) a fastener extending through said recess and said gutter support for securing said permanent member to the gutter.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as recited in claim 2 1, wherein said dismountable member is a tube having a channel extending along the length thereof, said

channel having a shape and diameter corresponding to a shape and diameter of said rod, and said hooks are positioned along a circumference of said tube, wherein, upon aligning said tube with said U-shaped connector of said permanent member, said rod is received within said channel thereby mounting the ~~ornamental structures~~ seasonal decorations to the structure.

Claims 4-19 (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) Gutter mounting apparatus comprising:

- a) a gutter mounted on an exterior surface of a building having at least one support member extending from ~~and adjacent~~ an upper end of an outer wall of said gutter to said exterior surface for supporting said gutter on said exterior surface of said building;
- b) a member permanently attached to said gutter to support a dismountable member for supporting seasonal decorations;
- c) said permanently attached member comprising a horizontal flat section extending along a top edge of the outer wall of said gutter, a first downwardly extending wall from a distal edge of said flat section outside of said gutter spaced from the outer wall of said gutter, a horizontally extending rod suspended from and mounted along a bottom edge of said ~~first~~ downwardly extending wall, a second downwardly extending wall extending downwardly from a proximate edge of said flat section within said gutter, and a flange attached to a bottom edge of said second downwardly extending wall;
- d) said flange having a recess and said support member having of said gutter having a recess, the recess of the flange being aligned recesses with the recess of the support member of the gutter to accommodate a fastener for attaching said flange to said support member; and
- e) a dismountable member for sliding on or snapping onto said rod, said dismountable member having supports for said seasonal decorations.